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Implementation of Renewables Investment Plan Legislation (Public Utilities Code Sections 381, 383.5, and 445; [SB 1038])



- Docket No. 02-REN-1038
- Renewable Energy Program
-) NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
-) RE: Changes to the Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook

REVISED

NOTICE TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO THE Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook

and

Committee Decisions on the Pilot Performance-Based Incentive Program

The California Energy Commission will hold a regularly scheduled Business Meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2005

10 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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As part of the January 19, 2005, Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the *Guidebook for the Emerging Renewables Program* (*Guidebook*). This *Guidebook* was initially adopted in February 2003, and later revised in December 2003, May 2004, and June 2004. The Energy Commission will also consider adopting the Renewables Committee's Decisions on the Pilot Performance-Based Incentive Program.

The Energy Commission's Renewables Committee recommends these *Guidebook* revisions pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25747, which authorizes the

Energy Commission to adopt substantive changes to the *Guidebook* upon providing 10 days written notice. Changes shall take effect once approved at a publicly noticed meeting.

Public comments were solicited on the draft *Guidebook* revisions as part of a committee workshop held on December 1, 2004. The Committee has considered these public comments in recommending the proposed *Guidebook* revisions. In summary, these proposed revisions would address the following:

- Implement a \$10 million Pilot Performance-Based Incentive program to be administered concurrently with the current rebate program.
- Establish a test protocol for eligible inverters to require that each model of inverter be tested and verified for ratings by a qualified Nationally Recognized Test Laboratory to verify the inverter's ratings.
- Eliminate time extensions for all applicants submitting reservation requests after the adoption date of the proposed *Guidebook* revisions.

In addition to the *Guidebook*, the Energy Commission will consider adopting the Renewable Committee's *Decisions for the Pilot Performance-Based Incentive Program*. This document, outlining the Committee's decisions and rationale for proposing the Pilot Performance-Based Incentive Program, was initially prepared and circulated in November 2004. The Committee revised the decision document to reflect public comments and the Committee's decisions in proposing the final draft section of the Pilot Performance-Based Incentive Program in the *Guidebook*.

A cCopiesy of the proposed revisions to the Guidebook and the Committee Decisions on Pilot Performance-Based Incentive Program, with new text shown in underline and deleted text shown in strikeout, are available from the Energy Commission's website at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/emerging_update/index.html

To obtain hard copies of the proposed <u>revisions to the Guidebook revisions and Committee Decisions</u>, please call Janet Preis at (916) 654-4524 or e-mail her at [ipreis@energy.state.ca.us].

Written Comments

The Energy Commission encourages members of the public to submit written comments on the proposed revisions to the Guidebook in advance of the Business Meeting. An original and 21 copies of any comments filed by mail or in person should be provided to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit. Parties may also file a single copy electronically with the Docket Unit and follow up with an original copy by mail. If you are providing written comments at the Business Meeting, please make an additional 50 copies available at the beginning of the meeting.

Please send or deliver written materials to:

California Energy Commission Re: Docket No. 02-REN-1038 Docket Unit, MS-4 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5504 E-Mail: docket@energy.state.ca.us

All written materials filed with the Docket Unit will become part of the public record in these proceedings. The Committee strongly encourages parties to file written comments by close of business January 10, 2005, but will accept written comments up to the day of the Business Meeting.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Margret J. Kim, provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you would like information on how to participate in this meeting, please contact the Public Adviser's Office by phone at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [pao@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

If you have technical questions of the subject matter of this notice, please call Kate Zocchetti at (916) 653-4710 or e-mail her at [kzocchet@energy.state.ca.us]. News media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989.

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